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HANGS IN THE BALANCE ARCTIC SHIP AT HULL

Glimmer of Hope in Deferred | Arrival of the Steamer Terra Meeting of Envoys

UP AT PORTSMOUTH FROM BERGEN, NORWAY

RUSSIANS ARE AWAITING FINAL HAVING FIALA AND HIS COM-WORD FROM THE CZAR.

Not Likely to Yield to Peace Importunities-Concessions Inconsistent With Dignity and Honor.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 22 .- Miother glimmer of hope. The meeting of the peace plenipotentiaries which was to have been held this afternoon has been postponed until tomorrow morning at 9:30. The official reason assigned for this change of program was that the secretaries had not yet completed the work of drafting the protocols for submission for the signatures of the plenipotentiaries. This is true, but there is a more potent reason. M. Witte has not yet received the final word from St. Petersburg.

It was expected this morning. It did not come and therefore with M. Witte's autherization, Mr. Plancon, who was hard at work upon the Russian protocol, went to Mr. Sato, the Japanese secretary, and suggested the postponement. Baron Komura approved and the announcement was is-

Present Peace Status.

As the situation now stands Mr. Witte could not, if he would, cede or compromise on either article 5 (Sakhalin) or article 8 (indemnity). The instructions given him by the emperor before he left St. Petersburg precluded the possibility of either, and it can be stated that up to the present hour every message he has received, indirectly or directly, from his emperor, shows no sign of any change of mind. And from the private advices the advisors whom the emperor is consulting seem practically unani-mous in support of the view that further concessions are inconsistent with Russia's "dignity and honor," and that unless Japan is prepared to yield something substantial—not upon articles 10 or 11, but upon articles Although it seems to be hoping against hope, there is still a possibility that the emperor will take President Roosevelt's advice and take the only step which the President thinks can save the conference from shipwreck. The President's sugges-tion is not general and vague, but quite concrete. If it is finally rejected it is said not to involve a specific answer, but M. Witte is anxious that the emperor shall have full time to deliberate, and the Japanese have no desire to force the issue They will welcome a few days' delay it the delay keeps the door to peace open.

There is a strong intimation that the

Japanese are prepared to make a propo-sition when the conference reassembles. But there is nothing to indicate that they are prepared to recede on either articles 5 or 9. Articles 10 and 11 they might forego, but that would hardly bring peace nearer. Five and nine remain now, as at the beginning, the seemingly insurmountable obstacles to peace. Article 10 of Japan's demands provides

that the Russian warships interned in neutral ports shall be turned over to Japan. Article 11 calls for the limitation of Russia's naval power in the far east. Official Bulletin.

The following official bulletin was issued

"Owing to the impossibility of finishing before 3 o'clock this afternoon the work of preparing the protocols of the meetings of the conference today's meeting has been adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Conference With Roosevelt Representative.

At 1 o'clock today a personal representative of President Roosevelt was closeted with M. Witte and Baron Rosen in the naval general stores at the navy yard. The appointment for the conference was made through Secretary Peirce last night. It is not yet known who the emissary of the President is.

This sensation is yet unknown at the Wentworth. Since 12:30 o'clock the correspondents have been waiting on the veranda of M. Witte's apartments, where he had an appointment to meet them at be photographed with them. They awaited his coming for half and hour and then dispersed, and every one is wondering where M. Witte is and whether he forgot his engagement.

The conference is supposed to have begun about half-past 12. M. Witte and Baron de Rosen left the hotel this morning in an automobile, supposedly for a ride. Mr. Peirce has not been at the hotel since this morning, and it is supposed is also at the navy yard, where he may have received President's envoy and presented him to the plenipotentiaries.

Preparation of the Protocol.

The protocol is being prepared in French by Mr. Plancon, one of the Russian secretaries, in collaboration with the Japanese secretaries, who make an English translation of the document. The protocol is to be a faithful photograph of the proceedings, showing in condenced form the arguments advanced on each side in support of the position taken by each on the different arti-

the verblage employed by Mr. Plancon the exact words to be used are agreed to by them, and if an issue arises which the cannot adjust it is referred to the respective chiefs, Baron Komura and M Witte All has thus far gone smoothly. Should a treaty eventually be agreed upon it will be written in French with an English copy attached. But the French text will be the document signed and will govern in case

of dispute over interpretation Plan for Compromise.

A plan for compromising the differences between the plenipotentiaries on article 5 (Sakhalin) has been suggested. It contemplates the restoration of the status quo'existing before 1875, when Russia held the northern and Japan the southern part of the island. This, it is contended, should satisfy the national claims of Japan, and at the same time relieve Russia of the dan-ger of an invasion of the mainland, which, it is declared by the Russians, would exist if the Island were in the full possession of the Japanese

Such a solution, of course, would involve some sort of a mixed commission to dethe frontier, which was never dennitely fixed. This suggestion in the gossip s attributed to President Roosevelt, but r evidence is offered to support such a sup position. Mr. Briantchaninoff, correspondent of the St. Petersburg Slovo, is advocating this compromise in his dispatches.

True Reason for Postponement. After the newspaper men had been waiting about an hour for M. Witte and Baron de Rosen to keep their appointment to be photographed in a group one of the Russian attaches leisurely sauntered up and

suggested that, inasmuch as M. Witte and (Continued on Second Page.)

Novo Today

PANIONS ON BOARD.

Thrilling Description of the Latter's Effort to Reach the North Pole -Narrow Escapes.

HULL, England, August 22.-Anthony Fiala of Brooklyn, N. Y., leader of the Ziegler polar expedition, the members of which were rescued by the relief ship Terra Nova, under the command of William S. Champ, secretary of the late William Ziegler, arrived here today on his way to the United States. He came ahead of the Terra Nova, which is expected tomorrow. Mr. Fiala said to the Associated Press:

"This has been another in the long list of failures to reach the pole, unless the three determined attempts made to reach high latitude should be considered as not having proved altogether futile, but although the great question of the pole remains unsolved we have brought back data which should prove of scientific value and have explored and surveyed the archipelago from Crown Prince Rudolph Land to Cape Flora, discovering four new channels and three large

Imprisoned Four Days.

"Failing to find an opening in the ice in longitude 38 degrees 7 minutes east, latitude 79 degrees 7 minutes north, we determined to force a way through at the fortyeighth parallel. Here we were imprisoned for four days, finally getting through with

the use of gun cotton.

"At the end of August, 1903, we reached Teplitz bay, the most northern harbor of Franz Josef Land, where a base and camp "The America had a narrow escape

October 22, 1903, when she broke adrift, finally, however, being brought back to her anchorage, where she was crushed just about a month later. "A shelter was built on shore and the members of the expedition were kept busy during the winter preparing for the spring sledge journey and in scientific work, which

was retarded by severe storms. The First Sledge Party.

The first sledge party left March 7, 1904, but was compelled to return owing to injuries received by several of the men after reaching Cape Fligely. A second attempt, made on March 25, likewise resulted in failure, the sledges being smashed when but a party at the base, I returned to Cape Flora,

the trip occupying sixteen days.
"Relief failing to arrive, in September,
1904, I, accompanied by William J. Peters (of small sledge party, started back to the base, which was reached November 22, 1904, after a most eventful and dangerous trip, rough ice having to be crossed in dense darkness and the men and dogs fall-ing into holes and crevices and running against walls of ice. Crossing Hooker island, two of the men fell into a crevice for distance of sixty-five feet and were wedged between walls of ice. Their rescue was attended with the greatest difficulty one being so injured that he had to be lashed to a sledge.

Most of Party in Good Health. "With the exception of a Norwegian fireman, who had died, we found all the party at the base in good health, and preparations were again begun for another sledge trip to the northward.

"The weather delayed the party until March 16, 1905. On this day the party left the base, which we renamed Cape Abruzzi, for the ice pack to the north. Crossing a glacier east of Cape Rath, we forced a way to the northward, but our progress was slow, the ice being rough and the ing to first cut a way, and then to assist "High temperature and fogs also helped

to delay our progress. For two days and three nights we were in a temperature of 34 degrees above zero, when it should have been below zero, and the ice was constantly cracking under the tents.

Decided to Return.

"Under these conditions, and with the pressing need for the sending of supplies to the party at Cape Flora, together with my poverty in dogs, I decided to return. The conditions on the southward trip were worse than on the northward one, but a fortunate drop in the temperature allowed us to cross a network of open lanes, and we reached Cape Abruzzi April 1. Mr. Porter, third in command of the expedition, was sent south to explore the archipelago, while the rest of the party worked at the moving of stores scuth to Camp Ziegler, making provision in case we should be compelled to spend a third winter in the arctic. Meantime the scientific work continued without interrup-

"On July 30 news came of the arrival of the relief expedition, and we made a trip of over twenty miles on rotten ice to join Mr. Fiala has not yet decided on the date of his departure for the United States.

PRINCE HENRY NOT COMING. Reported Trip to This Country Denied by Court Marshal.

BRAND BEI MARKT-REDWITZ, Bavaria, August 22.-Since Saturday last German newspapers have been publishing statements to the effect that Prince Henry of Bayaria intended to again visit the United States, with the addition of details as to the private character of the tour. The prince and his entourage are sojourning here and today his court marshal, Vice Admiral Baron Von Seckendorff, said to the Associated Press that these statements were "free inventions" and "absolutely un-

Prince Henry, since his return from the United States in 1902, often told Americans whom he received that he desired to make country better and that he wished to go to several earnest invitations, but has been obliged to decline them all. As recently as last June he said to one or two Americans who were yachting at Kiel that he some time see the United States again.

founded."

INTERNATIONAL CHESS.

Two Games of Today's Round at Bamen, Germany.

BARMEN, Germany, August 22.-Two games of today's round of the international chess masters' tournament were decided during the morning session. Janowski scored against Suechting and Burn won from Leonhardt. The unfinished game from yesterday's round between Burn and Bardeleben was won by Bardeleben.



VOTE FOR

"MERCY! THIS SEEMS LIKE THE OLD DAYS BEFORE THE WAR!"

SHOCK IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

SEVEREST IN YEARS.

CHICAGO, August 22.-Illinois was shaken by an earthquake shortly after 11 o'clock last night, the most severe in recent years The shock in the southern part of the state especially in the region suroundirng East St. Louis, was severe enough to rattle dishes and furniture, cause dogs to bark

as if in alarm, and children to awaken and

cry. Houses creaked, and in many in-

stances their occupants rushed out in ter-

ror, fearing that the straining beams and joists would give way. As far north as Springfield the shock was distinctly felt. Farther north it grew less perceptible, until in the region of Chicago it was not noticed, although it is expected that the delicate instruments placed in the office of the weather bureau will, when examined, show that a seismic disturbance was recorded. The office was closed last night before the shock came, and the instruments could not be consulted .

Not only Illinois, but western Kentucky and parts of Tennessee and Indiana were shaken. Messages from the different towns in those states say that three distinct shocks in quick succession were felt. waves of earth motion seemed to be from east to west.

Earthquake Shocks at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, August 22.-St. Louis was visited by an earthquake shortly after 11 o'clock last night. Three distinct shocks were felt by thousands of persons in St. Louis and St. Louis county. The trembling of the earth was accompanied by a dull rumbling noise

Felt Also in Tennessee. NASHVILLE, Tenn., August 22. - At Clarksville, Tenn., a severe earthquake shock felt at 11:10 o'clock last night

created considerable excitement. Seismic disturbances were also noted at Union City and other section A slight shock was felt in Nash-

OFF ON HUNTING TRIP.

Kermit Roosevelt and Companions Start After Bears.

CHICAGO, August 22 .- A dispatch for the Tribune from Deadwood, S. D., says: Kermit Roosevelt, Stanley Bullock and Paul Martin, in the care of Capt. Seth Bullock and the guides, Burt Tilley and Will Hardin, left here last night for a ten days' hunting trip. The three lads are about the same age.

Kermit Roosevelt was the recipient of much attention here and talked good naturedly with every one he met.
"If I can only get a bear," he said. "My highest ambition is to beat my father's bear-slaying record, but I scarcely expect to do that.'

THE DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY. Annual National Convention Opened at

Chicago Today. CHICAGO, August 22.-The annual na tional convention of the Daughters of Liberty is in session here. Votes already cast will be counted to determine whether or not all American-born men may be admitted to membership under the conditions governing the admission of women at present, which would probably involve a change of name from Daughters of Liberty to the Sons and Daughters of Liberty.

The organization has 67,000 members. Twenty-four states are represented by 150

REDUCING ORCHESTRAS.

Chicago Theater Managers Take Significant Action in Retaliation.

CHICAGO, August 22.-An alleged agreement on the part of down-town theater managers to cut down the size of orchestras was uncovered last night by the musicians' union. The charge was made that every down-town theater had laid off from three to five orchestra players.

Many of the musicians were of the opinion that the action of the theaters in reducing the size of their orchestras was in retalfation for the decision of the players several days ago to charge \$2 extra for each man for all performances exceeding eight in

Held for Forgery and Embezzlement. HAMILTON, Ont., August 22.-W. J. Yeager is under arrest here on a charge of forgery and embezzlement. Yeager was cashier for Julius Cahn of the Empire Theater of New York, and it is alleged that he stole \$12,000 of his employer's money,

EARTHQUAKE OUT WEST VERY MUCH IN EARNEST

President Not Losing Time in Peace Effort.

KEEPING WIRES BUSY

BETWEEN SAGAMORE HILL AND PORTSMOUTH.

Latest Developments of the Situation Today-In Close Touch With

the Envoys.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., August 22.-While President Roosevelt has not relaxed in the least his efforts to bring the Russian and Japanese envoys into an agreement, the distinct lull in the negotiations was noticeable here today.

No visitors on business connected with the peace proceedings were expected. Assistant Secretary of State Peirce at Portsmouth is keeping the President advised of the developments in the situation there, but the precise nature of the information he transmits is not disclosed.

So long as the conference remains in ses sion the President will hold himself in readiness to assist the envoys in any proper way to reach a successful conclusion of their

Hopes for an Agreement.

He is very much in earnest in the efforts he is making now to clear the way to an agreement and it is believed his strong feeling in the matter has impressed itself upon the minds of the conferees.

That the President's earnestness took a practical turn in his conferences with Am bassador De Rosen and Baron Kaneko is beyond question, but there are reasons for the belief that the full purport of his proposals has not yet appeared. It is felt here that as an immediate break in the conference seems to have been averted there is yet nop of a successful issue of the conference. Philip B. Stewart of Colorado Springs Col., was a caller on the President today The President was his guest on his trip last spring to Colorado.

THE RUSSIAN ASSEMBLY.

Peasant Element Will Have Majority Over Landowners. Special Cablegram to The Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 22.-Under the provisions for the constitution of the national consultative assembly the peasant element has an absolute majority over the landowners and urban electors in the eastern provinces. Including 51 insured by a special provision of the project, the peasants are certain of 153 representatives in the assembly. In the provinces of Vladimir and Moscow the urbans have an absolute majority; in Minsk and Poltava, the landowners. In the other provinces there is no absolute majority. It will be seen that an overwhelming initial advantage is enjoyed by the peas-

VICIOUS WORK WITH AN AX. Young Woman's Head Chopped by a Negro.

Special Dispatch to The Star. MT. VERNON, N. Y., August 22.-Mrs. Ella Goff, a young negro woman, is dying in the Mt. Vernon Hospital with a part of the top of her head chopped off by a negro, who attacked her with an ax at 8:45 o'clock this morning in her home here. Police Surgeon Van Patten, who attended her, says it is miraculous that she did not die instantly, as her skull is fractured. Eugene Goff, the woman's husband, is missing, and a posse of citizens and offi-cers are after him. He is described as a tall, light colored man, wearing a blue suit from the house by a neighbor. Goff's wife wouldn't give him money to buy beer.

Plans for Big Improvements. Special Dispatch to The Star. FORT GAINES, Ga., August 22 .- J. J. Sellman, civil engineer of New York city, representing the Interstate Water Works

and Construction Company of Washington, D. C., is here making surveys, plans and specifications for the construction of a com-plete system of water works and electric lighting plant. Franchise was issued a few weeks ago and the work of construction will commence at once. Time, 1.26 3-5.

DISASTER FROM STORM LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN

MINNESOTA COUNTIES.

ST. PAUL, Minn., August 22.-Devastation, terrible and complete, was wrought on all side: of the Twin Cities by the storm of Sunday night, according to reports just received here. Through all the region from Anoka to Fillmore countles reports tell of disaster and loss of life and property. Members of families are missing, and it is believed they are buried under the debris which was strewn broadcast by the wind. Many instances of maining are reported for some days. Crops which had been cut and were ready for threshing suffered in many places, and standing corn was damaged by hail and wind. Hailstones several inches in circumference worked havoc with the crops in some sections.

Railway Tracks Swept Away.

Large sections of railroad tracks were swept away south of here and the mail trains on certain portions of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road were run yesterday on improvised tracks, making slow time on account of the enforced insecurity of the roadbed. Washouts were numerous, both along the railroads and in the highways, the rainfall being enormous.

In some of the farming localities the grain was stripped from the stalks, even in the shocks, by the furious wind and rain, and haystacks were completely demolished. Huge trees which have successfully withstorms of years were uprooted and hurled before the wind, and barns and other outbuildings and crops were complete-

ly destroyed The damage done to buildings and crops in the southern counties will reach many thousands of dollars, but no accurate estimate can be formed until complete reports are received.

All sections report that the storm was cyclonic in its nature, and from some points reports tell of a funnel-shaped cloud that descended with the most intense fury, leaving destruction in its path.

THE TAGGART DIVORCE TRIAL. Niece of the Defendant on the Stand Today.

WOOSTER, Ohio, August 22.-Mrs. Irene Shields Vose, niece of Mrs. Taggart, was on the stand during the greater part of the morning at today's hearing of the Taggart divorce case. Her testimony did not, however, develop any new points. Gen. Miner, who was Capt. Taggart's superior officer at Fort Leavenworth, attend-

ed the hearing today. ORDER OF FORESTERS.

Ninth Annual Convention Opened at Buffalo Today.

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 22.-The ninth annual convention of the American Order of Foresters began here today. About 300 delegates were present, representing eigh-

At the close of the public exercises the convention organized for business and went into executive session to receive the re-ports of officers.

NORWAY-SWEDEN DISSOLUTION. Storthing Today Adopted the Government's Proposals.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, August 22.-The storthing today adopted by a vote of 104 to 11 the proposals of the government for the formal opening of negotiations with Sweden for the dissolution of the union. The government proposed to communicate

the result of the recent referendum to the Swedish government and to ask it to accept the abrogation of the act of union and to co-operate in negotiations for a pacific settlement of the questions connected with the dissolution, including those raised by the Swedish riksdag.

The government was also granted power to appoint delegates to conduct the nego-

Cable Steamer Floated.

CANSO, N. S., August 22.-The cable steamer Colonia, which ran ashore on the northern point of Fox Island last Friday, after landing a new trans-Atlantic cable, was floated today and will proceed to Halifax for repairs.

Saratoga Races Today. SARATOGA, August 21-First race, seven furlongs, selling, three-year-olds and up-King Pepper, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5, won; Byways, 5 to 2 place, second; Druid third.

ATHOS IS NOW IN PORT THE FEVER SITUATION

Missing Fruit Steamer Towed Vigilance Continued in the into New York Harbor.

CARGO OF ROTTEN BANANAS.

Bones of Half-Eaten Sharks on Board | Effect of Epidemic on the Railway Indicate the Perils of Belated Voyage.

NEW YORK, August 22.-The steamer

Athos, seventeen days late, with eight passengers and a cargo of rotted bananas and with the bones of half-eaten sharks on board to indicate the perils of her voyage, to lull the public into a false sense of searrived off Scotland lightship last night. On July 30 the Donald Steamship Company's steamer Athos left Port Antonio. Jamaica, for New York, a six days' voyage, with provisions in plenty for this short period. Three hours out of port an eccentric rod on the engine broke, and from that hour until last Sunday, proceeding sometimes only an hour a day under her own steam, the Athos drifted at the mercy of storms, in constant danger of famine, once without drinking water and receiving supplies from time to time off passing vessels, until on August 20 the disabled steamer gave up and signaled the steamer Altai for a tow. This steamer brought the Athos to

Trouble With the Engine. The trouble was in the engine all the time. From July 30 to August 7, one to two breaks daily in the engine were recorded. The log chronicles the fact that the daily delay was only thirty minutes long on August 5.

Two days later the catching of the sharks is recorded. Chinamen on board attempted to eat the sharks, but the meat made them ill and the fish were thrown into the sea. During the next two days boats were lowered from the Athos in search of food fish. On August 8 the disabled steamer sighted the s teamship Adirondack and signaled "All well on board," but on the 10th the last tank of water was opened and was found to be tainted with the juice of rotting bananas.

Incipient Famine Relieved.

Some dolphin were caught two days later, and on August 13 the incipient famine was further relieved by the steamer Montevideo, which supplied provisions.

For nearly a week between August 10 and 17 the engine shaft was useless; but not only was the steamer forced to drift about while repairs were under way, but for two days of this period a great storm and high seas broke over the helpless steamship. and the total loss of life will not be known The log meanwhile indicates that more dolphin were caught. Finally, on August 18, the coupling flange broke, and the Athos abandoned the attempt to make New York under her own steam. After twenty days of continuous accidents it was decided to accept the first offer of a tow. This did not come for two days, during which a second food famine was averted by the steamer Vera, which came alongside the A ables. Athos, supplying eatables and drink-

Odor of Decaying Fruit.

Worse even than the danger of the sea, of famine and of thirst, the passengers say, was the odor of the decaying banana At Scotland lightship last night the tow-

line broke, as a last chapter in her long series of accidents, and the Athos could not repair the broken line in the dark, but anchored for the night, while the Altai brought her passengers to quarantine. Today tugs were sent out to bring the Athos

The passengers were John Douglas Donald, son of the owner of the Athos; Miss Julie Anna Damshee, the boy's aunt; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lunn of Rosebank. S and Keith and Fred Saunders of Bay Ridge boy friends of young Donald, and Henry Tamke. The whole party were guests of John A.

Donald, president of the Donald Steamship Company, who sent them on the Athos for summer vacation trip. The Altai towed the Athos 267 miles.

Famine Causes Small Mutinies.

Passengers of the Athos, on landing today, reported that the famine caused small mutinies among the ship's crew of eighteen Chinamen. Trouble first started among the ccolies over the dearth of tobacco and rice. A negro helper was stabbed during one of the fights of the hungry crew, but the officers and passengers were not seriously menaced. At one time the only water to be had was

condensed. One swallow a day to each person was all that this process furnished. MANUFACTURERS ORGANIZE.

ocean brine which had been boiled and

Notable Incorporation to Regulate Relations With Labor. ALBANY, N. Y., August 22.-Twenty-one prominent manufacturers from different parts of the country are named as directors of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States of America, which was incorporated here today for the

principal purpose of regulating relations be-

tween employers and employes and dealing with labor unions. The certificate states that the organization is formed for the "Betterment of relations between employer and employe, the protection of the individual liberty and rights of employer and employe, the education of the public in the principles of in-dividual liberty and owner hip of property, the support of legislation in furtherance those principles and opposition to legislation in derogation thereof." Also, "to se-cure freedom from unlawful and unjust

The principal office is in New York. The The principal office is in New York. The directors include D. M. Parry, Indianapolis; J. W. Van Cleave, St. Louis; Elliott Duran, Chicago; C. W. Post and B. T. Skinner, Battle Creek, Mich.; A. B. Farquhar, York, Pa.; F. C. Mumernacher, Louisville, Ky.; John Kirby, jr., Dayton, Ohio; Richard C. Jenkinson, Newark, N. J.; Daniel C. Ripley, Pittsburg; H. S. Smith, Menasha, Wis.; H. S. Chamberlain, Chattanoga, Tenn; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte tanoga, Tenn.; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte, N. C., and Edward H. Dean, Indianapolis.

CANNON "STANDING PAT." The Speaker Was for a Brief Time in This City.

prospective Representative Cannon, Speaker of the House, was in town today, stopping over on his way from Lake Champlain to his home at Danville, Ill. Mr. Cannon looked ruddy and in fine fettle, and

apparently is ready for the fray in Congress next session.

Mr. Cannon left at 5:40 this afternoon for Danville, and just prior to leaving was still, apparently, "standing pat" on the tariff.

Weather.

Fair tonight; tomorrow partly cloudy; light southerly

Fight at New Orleans.

WAS 17 DAYS OVERDUE DOCTORS ENCOURAGED

BROUGHT 8 PASSENGERS AND STRONG EFFORTS MADE TO CON-FINE THE DISEASE.

> 'Traffic-New Cases and Deaths to Date.

NEW ORLEANS, La., August 22,-While the leaders in the fight against yellow fover feel that the struggle is succeeding beyond their expectations, there is no disposition curity, lest there shall be a relaxation of the efforts which it is essential that every householder shall make if the present control of the disease is to be maintained.

With the deaths, however, running into the fifties and rapidly approaching the eightles at this time in 1878 and the new cases of genuine yellow fever approximating 200 against less than a dozen deaths daily now, there is considered to be every justification for the encouragement which Dr. White announces he feels over the sit-

Especially encouraging is the situation above Canal street. The disease has struggled desperately to gain a foothold in that section, but has failed. There have been a considerable number of cases, but they are widely scattered, and there is not a nest of them to be found anywhere from Canal to the upper limits of the parish.

The Train Service.

Some days ago President Souchon wrote to the railroads asking them to put on small trains to some of the towns which are in sore distress because communication is cut off. General Superintendent Cushing of the Southern Pacific has written a reply that the road is now running trains to afford service for non-infected lo-calities. Traffic, however, is so light that these trains are earning less than one-fourth of what it costs to run them.

The announcement of Surgeon General Wyman in a telegram to President Souchon that it is impossible to take adequate precau-tions at Colon to disinfect vessels, and that every vessel from there to southern ports must be detained at the port of arrival five days is expected temporarily to transfer all Colon trade heretofore passing through southern gateways to New York. Afready fruit-carrying vessels which touch at the Panama port have been barred.

The Church Work. Bishop Sessums of the Episcopal Church, who is taking an active part in the educational campaign, is arranging a series of mass meetings in the leading Episcopal churches with a view to aiding the authorities in the work. The bishop has had additional work thrust upon him by the misfortune of Dean Wells of Christ Church Cathedral. Mrs. Wells was stricken with the fever ten days ago and has been very

seriously ill, and the dean has been in con-stant attendance at her bedside. Gov. Blanchard is seeking to straighten out some of the difficulties in the country parishes resulting from the stoppage of trains. Tensus and East Carroll parishes have practically tied up the Memphis, Helena and Louisiana because there have been two cases at Tallulah, in Madison. The governor has also interceded with the authorities of Bossier parish in behalf of the operation of the trains of the Louisiana

Railway and Navigation Company. Amelioration in Showers.

Showers today promised some amelioration of the high temperatures which have been prevailing, but otherwise there was little change in the yellow fever situation. Six deaths during the night promised that today's total would run about equal with that of the preceding twenty-four hours.

new cases in the early morning report.

The medical authorities said today that evidence of the fact that the situation is constantly improving, in so far as the system of controlling is concerned, was to be found in the fact that cases are now being reported six and eight hours after they are taken down. It is an indication of the ficiency with which the local physicians are co-operating with the federal authorities. Reports of cases promptly on their occurrence permits immediate screening and thus

lessens the chances for infection of per-

sons who have not been attacked. Steamer Held in Quarantine.

NORFOLK, Va., August 22.-The American steamer Lassell from Port Eads for Norflok with a cargo of salt is held at quarantine off Old Point. It is not believed there is any sickness aboard, but as the vessel comes from Port Eads at the mouth of the Mississippl, below New Orleans, it was deemed best to detain it for observa-

More Stringent Quarantine. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., August 22 .- The city and county boards of health at a joint session this morning adopted still more stringent quarantine regulations. Inspectors on trains entering the city will require from all persons desiring to stop at Chattanooga health certificates from proper and

AN ATTEMPTED ASSAULT. Manassas Aroused Over Dastard Act

of Unknown Man. Special Dispatch to The Star. MANASSAS, Va., August 22.-There was an attempted criminal assault upon Miss Hallie Smith, living on the Sudley road about three miles from Manassas, on Sunday night last about dusk. Miss Smith and her sister, Miss Ella, live alone. While the latter was out milking and Miss Hallie was alone on the porch, a man came up from behind and grabbed her by the throat and dragged her several yards. Her

screams alarmed the assailtant, who fled just as Miss Ella reached the house. Miss Hallie did not know her assailant, who was a negro, and with whom she struggled valiantly, teating off a part of his necktie, which may lead to his identification. Suspicion points to a negro named Tom Page, who does not bear a good repu-

The authorities are on the alert, but Page seems to have taken leg ball. There is no excitment, but if he is caught and identified it might not be well with him, as a negro was lynched a few miles from here

THE ELIZABETH RIVER DISASTER Three More Bodies of Victims Recovered Yesterday.

NORFOLK, Va., August 22.-The bodies of three more victims of the Atlantic Coast Line railway's excursion wreck of last week have been found floating in the western branch of the Elizabeth river. They are all those of colored men and are as yet uni-dentified.